

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

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A coffee machine for preparing coffee, especially based on coffee pads, includes a continuous heater provided with a water-guiding tube that is thermally connected to at least one heating rod via at least one contact surface. A pump transports water through the continuous heater. The contact surface is embodied in such a way that it is flat between the tube and the at least one heating rod. The coffee machine structure provides a simple and cost-effective solution for a continuous heater, and ensures good heat transfer.